

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are canceled. (Claims 20-83 were previously canceled.) Claims 84-107 have been added. Claims 84-107 are now pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the application.

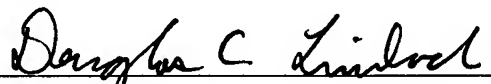
Claims 1-83 were restricted as being directed to patentably distinct species. Claims 1-19 are cancelled by this response. Claims 20-83 were canceled upon filing of the application on page 3 of the Transmittal Letter. Accordingly, the restriction requirement is now moot.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorney would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (925) 290-4000.

Although Applicants believe that all necessary extensions of time and fees have been provided for in papers filed with this Amendment, Applicants petition the Director for any extension of time deemed necessary for acceptance of this submission, and Applicants authorize the Director to charge any fee deemed necessary for acceptance of this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-0285 (order no. P80C1-US).

Respectfully submitted,

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